

EXAMINER'S COMMENT

In response to the interview of 12/02/08 where it was discussed: *It was discussed the cancelation of the above claims due to their failure to further limit the claims from which they depend. Applicant indicated that information relevant to the application would be filed in a supplemental response. It was discussed the addition of dependent claims drawn to specific sequences.*

Applicant has filed a supplemental response canceling claims 22, 38, 43, and 48. Applicant also added new claims 55-58. All of the claims are free of the prior art. Applicant also filed an IDS on 12/08/08. The IDS has been considered. The citation "EB" will not appear on the face of any patent issued from this application since it is not a publicly available document. However, the information provided as "EB" has been considered by the examiner.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sean R. McGarry whose telephone number is (571) 272-0761. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Th (6:00-4:30).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. Douglas Schultz can be reached on (571) 272-0763. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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